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Sir:

In reply to the Office action of March 30, 2006, it is respectfully requested that the following remarks be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

R E M A R K S

Claims 3 to 9, 11 and 12 as set forth in Appendix I of applicants' paper dated December 30, 2005, are currently pending in this case.

The Examiner reiterated the position that the subject matter of those claims was unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in light of the teaching of *Deckner et al.* when taken in view of the disclosure of *Wechter* (US 6,048,891 and US 6,555,575¹). The Examiner acknowledged in

- 1) US 6,555,575 is related to US 6,048,891 through a number of continuation applications and the disclosure of US 6,555,575 is essentially identical with the disclosure of US 6,048,891. Applicants' following remarks referencing the disclosure of one of the patents are, therefore, equally applicable where the disclosure of the other patent is concerned.